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AUSTRIAN STEAMER SUNK BY TORPEDO; THREE WOMEN DIE

Charge Made That French Submarine Attacked Vessel Without Warning.

VIENNA ENTERS PROTEST TO THE NEUTRAL POWERS

Alleges This to Be Only One of Series of Attacks on Innocent Ships.

HOSPITAL VESSEL ON LIST

Note Gives Details of Submarine Activity Alleged to Be in Violation of The Hague

Convention.

BERLIN, May 17. by wireless to Tuckerton.-According to the Austro-Hungarian note sent to neutral powers regarding the sinking of the Austrian steamer Dubrovnik and other Austrian vessels, including the hospital ship Electra, by hostile submarines, the Dubrovnik had nineteen passengers on board, including several women and children, when she was torpedoed.

the crew and four passengers are missing.

The Overseas News Agency today, in forth the details regarding the sink-

the starboard side, and the ship im

Second Terpedo Fired

second boat. Two additional persons were picked up from the water and some were rescued by boats from the

"in board the ship were nineteen passengers, among whom were two clergy- dents. None but the unarmed inhabirea and several women and children. I'm to this time three bodies of women have been recovered. Four sailors and sistance was made.

Maj. Langhorne reported to Col. Sibfour passengers are missing.

Denies It Was Transport.

"Steffani Agency on May 10 stated that a French submarine torpedoed the Dubrovnik, which was a transport and carried ammunition. This statement is a flat invention.

The capacity of the Dubrovnik was 480 tons and she therefore was not able to carry troops nor ammunition. Besides this, the distance of the submerged submarine from her was so great that it was impossible for it to discern the class of persons carried by the steamer.

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"The Austro-Hungarian government states that the firing of the second torpedo against the sinking steamer and the lifeboats which were affoat must be qualified as 'intentional murder.' The Austro-Hungarian government holds the Italian government equally responsible with the French government, since the French submarine was operating with the Italian forces."

Vienna Protests to Neutrals.

VIENNA, May 16, via Berlin to Lon-

sedo at the steamer Zagreb of same company. The ship was able only by a quick turn to dodge the torse wake was seen by nu-

"April 5 a torpedo was fired by a sub-marine again at the Daniel-Erno; this without warning. It explodod on the nearby rocky coast.

"The Austro-Hungarian government has not hitherto published these events, ich fortunately were attended with damage. It limited itself to giving ice of the attempts of February 12 i February 28 on local steamships to

Termed "Lust for Destruction." "In view of this accumulation of at-

ess vessels, which are especially pro tected by The Hague convention, and n view of the circumstances that the enemy states are not—like the central powers—forced to defend themselves against a nefarious plan to starve out whole nations, the destruction of a peaceable ship, which cannot serve in the war with our opponents in any manner, can only be ascribed to blind lust for destruction. This interpretation is now fully confirmed by the most recemb barbaric attempt on the Austrian steamer Dubrovnik. This ship, belonging to Navigazione A Vapore Ragusea, was destroyed May 9 in the Narenta canal, between San Giorgone, Island of Lesina, and Cape Gomena, on the peninsula of Sabioncello (Adriatic sea)." nemy states are not-like the central

TROOPS GET TEXAN **HELD BY MEXICANS**

Jesse Deemer Rescued by Maj. Langhorne 125 Miles From Border.

BANDITS WANTED RANSOM FOR GLENN SPRINGS MAN

Natives of Village Refused to Obey Instructions and Kill Captive if Americans Attacked.

MARATHON, Tex., May 17 .- Maj. Langhorne and two troops of cavniry surrounded the Mexican banwho raided Glenn Springs about 125 miles from the border, five, according to a truck driver arriving today from Boquillas. Army ment regarding the reported engage-

MARATHON, Tex., May 17.-United Three bodies of women were er, the American storekeeper captured by recovered, and four members of Mexican raiders on Glenn Springs and man named Terry, who arrived her oday. It was confirmed later.

Terry said the soldiers entered a vilrushed out, leaving Deemer and a captive negro named Monroe Payne. Payne and Deemer are being brought back to

Rescue Reported to Funston.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 17.-The esse Deemer and the negro cook, Monroe Payne, carried off as prisoners and Boquillas, was reported

o Mai. Gen. Funston today. the refusal of the residents of the village, where they had been left to

tempted their rescue.

The report came from Col. Frederick Sibley, who received his information struck the ship, crushing the starboard lifeboat with those in it. It was possible to rescue sixteen passengers in a quillas, early yesterday.

Had Been Left by Captors.

The Americans had been left there tants of the town was there when the American soldiers arrived and no re-

Maj. Langhorne reported to Col. Sib-ley that he was pushing forward and hoped to overtake the bandits during the day. He added that no federal troops had been encountered, and that the attitude of the residents in the territory through which he had passed

territory through which he had passed appeared friendly.

A scarcity of forage was reported, and Col. Sibley said he was preparing to send forward as rapidly as possible hay and grain for the horses and mules. Col. Sibley was at a point about forty

For some time Mexicans had sneered at the fighting ability of the Americans, some of them believing that the United States soldiers were afraid to engage any Mexican command. After the Ojo Azules fight, however, signs of the growing respect on the part of the natives became more manifest. American non-combatants living in the vicinity were treated with a courteey which as

ITALIAN QUEEN IN PERIL. Airmen Attempt to Bombard Train

Carrying Helena and Children. ROME, May 17.-It is reported that Austrian air raiders Monday attempted Helena and the children of the royal household. The attack failed, and the air raiders were put to flight by Italian air-

VENICE, May 16, via Paris, May 17 .-Austrian aeroplanes raided Venice and Mestre last night, but the Italian bat-teries shelled them so hotly that they were forced to keep at a great height and the bombs they dropped had little effect. One house was damaged. There were no casualties in Venice, but two persons were killed and several injured in Mestre. The material descriptions slight

GOVERNMENT WINS POINT IN RIGGS CASE

Order Slip Designed to Show Bank Stock Deal Admitted to Evidence.

EDWIN FLATHER ON STAND TO IDENTIFY ENTRIES

Justice Siddons Takes a Hand in the Examination of Witness at Session Today.

Counsel for the Riggs National Bank officials on trial in Criminal Court No on a charge of perjury, seemed to score several points when the case was resumed today. Justice Siddons refused to al ow the government to include as evported to show, counsel for the govern nent said, that the bank dealt in which caused the perjury indictment of

After the luncheon recess, however, ustice Siddons reversed his decision.

Edwin D. Flather, one of the employed of the bank, was on the witness stand time, and testified that the slip was in his handwriting. He was not questioned as to details, the slip not havng reached the point as evidence. Counsel for the bank objected strenuously to ts introduction, pointing out that the slip memorandum, without signature, which had no more significance by reason of its being on Riggs' stationery than it would have had it been on the stationery of a hotel. The government contended in the argument that the slip furnished circumstantial evidence that the bank did deal in stocks, but Justice Siddons upheld the bank's counsel.

Judge Grants Permission.

After the luncheon recess attorney or the government made another attempt to get into the case as evidenc the unsigned memorandum in the hand writing of Edwin Flather, and Justice siddons at the conclusion of the second

Siddons at the conclusion of the second argument gave permission for the introduction of the document.

One striking feature of this afternoon's session of the trial was the testimony of Edwin D. Flather to the effect that all orders for the purchase and sale of stock and bonds passed through his hands on printed order slips addressed to "Charles C. Glover or William J. Flather." The testimony of Edwin D. Flather brought on cross examination, detailing how each purchase or sale of stock was made for a customer of the bank, was looked upon in the courtroom as having offset all the government's evidence offered with the hope of proving that the bank dealt in

the trial this afternoon, when Attorney Hogan of counsel for the defense and Attorney Fitts of counsel for the government approached close to the verge of a personal encounter. Mr. Hogan made the remark when he lost a ruling by Justice Siddons, "That will please Mr. Fitts." Mr. Fitts thereupon jumped up and cried out, "You have got to leave my name out of this."

Mr. Hogan answered to the effect that he would please himself as to what he might have to say, and Mr. Fitts called to him, "You will leave my name out of this case, I will make you do it." There was a threatening attitude between the two men for a moment, which might have resulted in contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court is the contempt of court, but they regained their composure inst in the contempt of court is the but they regained their con

Of Benefit to Customers.

On a cross-examination of Edwin tions with Lewis Johnson & Co. had

assured Gen. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition, that the American troops have restored respect on the part of the natives for United States soldiers to a degree not existing for five years.

For some time Mexicans had sneered the first part of the bank's customers, and at the request of Mr. Glover and the Messrs. Flather.

S. Taylor Burke Testifies.

The first witness this morning was S. May 17.—The foreign manufelivered the following note to the esentatives of all the allied and tral states at the Austrian court:
The foreign ministry was able on sirch 22 to lodge with the representatives of the allies and neutral powers coredited to the Vienna court an engetic protest against the torpedoing of the hospital ship Electra by an enemy submarine. This, however, was in no wise the first case where an enemy submarine attacked peaceable ships in Austrian waters.

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pefore and after court hours. The attorneys for both sides were occupied last night in the courtroom until 7 o'clock in arranging the great mass of papers and books being placed in evidence. The jury went for a walk last to attack a train on which were Queen night and they are to have other out

night and they are to have other outings and exercise.
Some speculation was indulged in today in the courtroom as to the probable length of the trial, and, contrary
to first predictions that it would be a
long-drawn-out affair of six weeks
or more, the prediction was made by a
member of counsel that the whole case
would be in the hands of the jury by
the end of next week.
Groups of telegraphers' slips, orders,
charge slips, etc., showing stock transcations by Lewis Johnson & Co.



AT DEAD MAN HILL

U. S. CRUISER GROUNDS; ATTACK A FAILURE EIGHT MEN ARE MISSING

San Francisco Loses Whaleboat Crew When She Hits Shoal in Nantucket Sound.

ruiser San Francisco, now serving as a mine laying ship, was aground on shoal in Nantucket sound for several hours early today in a gale, during which it was reported she lost a whale-

Cruiser Was Fighting Gale. The San Francisco, bound from this oort for Newport, R. I., was in command of Commander Reginald R. Bel-Flather, Mr. Hogan, of counsel for the bank, brought out, for the benefit of the jury, that various stock transac-call for immediate assistance. The wind

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The exact place where the San Fran-isco stranded was in doubt. Command-Belknap gave

> entrance of Victory for British Ministry.

LONDON, May 17.-The coalition gov hve election today. W. F. Hicks-Beach, a unionist, who was supported by the liberals, was elected from Tewkesbury by a majority of 5,689 over William Boosey, independent.

First 1/2 of May

That business is good in Washington is evident by the greater amount of advertising that the Washington merchants are using in The

For the first fifteen days in May the advertising in The Star has increased 177 columns over the first half of last May, both periods embracing two Sunday issues and thirteen daily issues. Washington merchants

evidently appreciate the wonderful opportunity given them by The Star, both daily and Sunday, to reach practically the entire community with their announcements.

PRESIDENT ANSWERS

Tells Pontiff He Is Doing Everything Paris Reports Repulse of German Infantry on Section of

BOMBARDMENT IS KEPT UP BY GUNS ON BOTH SIDES

Statements Tell of Activities of Aviators.

Verdun Front.

PARIS. May 17, 12:01 p.m.-German the exchange of messages had only repaired to do with the question of peace in Europe.

To the east of the Meuse along the Verdun front there was continuous cannonading on both sides, particularly at Haudremont wood and Vaux pond.

French aeroplanes made several raids during the night. Bombs were thrown on the German camp at Damvillers, and on the railway stations at Metz, Frescati and Brieulles.

Statement by War Office.

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The President is understood to have informed the Pope that he was very larger to keep the United States out of the war and would do everything possible consistent with maintaining the honor and rights of the United States. Neither message will be made public. At the White House today it was said that nothing was known of the mission to this country of Secretary Grew of the American embassy in Berlin, who is now on his way to the United States. It has been suggested that possibly he might be bringing a message from Emperor William to President Wilson.

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"On the left bank of the Meuse, af ter a bombardment of our first line, an attempt of the enemy to advance in an attempt of the elemy to advance in a hand-grenade attack to Dead Man hill was completely checked. On the right bank there was great artillery activity by both sides in the region be-tween Haudremont and Vaux pond. Northwest of Thiaumont farm a hand-grenade attack upon one of our listen-ing posts was repulsed. ing posts was repulsed.

Bombs Dropped by Airmen.

"During the night of May 16 and 17 thirteen of our aeroplanes dropped twenty-four shells upon Bivouack, in the region of Damvillers and Chaumont; eleven upon the railroad station at Brieulles and upon Cleary; 14 upon the cantonments at Nantillois and Romagne and twenty-one upon the railroad stations of Apremont and Grand Pre. Several fires were started One of our pilots brought down a German machine north of Vic-Sur-Aisne Both wings of the enemy machine came off during its fall.

"On the same night another of our air squadrons dropped 20 bombs upon the railroad stations at Arts and Metz, forty upon the hangar at Frescati

Official German Report. BERLIN, May 17, via London.-The

German army headquarters staff today gave out the following statement: "There were lively hand grenade engagements southwest of Lens following mine explosions.

ing mine explosions.

"On both banks of the Meuse artillery activity of each side increased at times to great liveliness. An attack made by the French against the southern slope of Hill 304 broke down under our curtain of fire.

"The aviators of both sides showed great activity. First Lleut. Immelman brought down his fifteenth enemy aeroplane west of Douai. An English aeroplane met with defeat in an aerial battle over Fournes. Its ocan aerial battle over Fournes. Its oc-cupants, two English officers, were captured-uninjured." India.

MESSAGE OF THE POPE

Consistent With Honor to Keep United States Out of War.

President Wilson has replied to the essage sent him recently by Pope Benedict in which the Pope expressed the earnest hope that war between the United States and Germany would not be precipitated by the submarine issue and conveyed the impression that he Both German and French Official to Europe. The reply of the President state will assume as a maximum the the Aud for the purpose of confirming the apostolic delegate here, who de- insurance companies if the risk had White House.

White House officials refused today to discuss the Pope's message or the

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AMPLE.

Austrian Surgeon General Discusses Efforts of Former President Taft.

VIENNA, May 16, via Berlin to London, May 17 .- Surgeon Gen. Hoch enegg, commenting in the Neue Freie Presse on the report of ex-President's Taft's efforts to secure permission for the export from the United States of medical supplies to the central powers, says that thus far there is no lack of such supplies, nor can there be talk of a threatened shortage. He declares that there are even surplus supplies or

"An effective protest against hinder-ing American exports," he adds, "could be of value only in view of the pos-sible long duration of the war. From this point of view we are interested in the success of Mr. Taft's humanitarian endeavors.

NEW GERMAN FINANCING. Imperial Treasurer Proposes a Re-

vised Plan to Federated States. LONDON, May 17 .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from msterdam says: "At a conference between Dr. Kar forty upon the hangar at Frescati, forty upon the railroad station at Arnaville and thirty upon the railroad and stations between Metz and Thionalth.

Helfferich, the German imperial treasurer, and the finance ministers of all the German federated states, Dr. Helfferich presented a new financial plan under which the federal states would assume a greater part of the imperial expenditures. The plan was strongly opposed by virtually all the states. "Several new taxation schemes were broached, these being urgently needed to assist in paying the war expendi-tures. Dr. Helferich hopes by them to avoid the issue of another loan."

Baron Hardinge for the Cabinet. LONDON, May 17 .- According to

statement published here, Baron Hardinge, former viceroy of India, soor will succeed Sir Arthur Nicolson, undersecretary of the foreign office, who is retiring on account of ill health. Lord

ASQUITH TO TAKE HELM IN IRELAND

Reported That He Will Become Irish Rebel May Have Ameria Member of the Privy Council.

LLOYD GEORGE AT WORK ON GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Sir Edward Carson and John Redmond Co-Operating in Search for Solution

LONDON, May 17, 2:25 p.m.—Th-Asquith is to be sworn in as a member of the Irish privy council, becoming b this act a member of the Irish execu tive. This is possibly the first step, the correspondent adds, toward re-estabishment of civil administration in Ire

Whife Premier Asquith remains in Ireland seeking a solution of the Irish problem, efforts are being made on this side of the Irish sea to bring together Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, and John Redmond, leader of the na-tionalists, in the hope that a recon-ciliation of the opposing factions may

Working for a Compromise.

As far as can be learned there have considered a favorable sign that unionists and home rule supporters are working together and making sugges-

Edward Carson and Joseph Devlin, Irish nationalist member for Belfast, and that he has an engagement to meet Mr. Redmond. The Guardian adds that Mr. The unionists.

The unionist press of London, with the exception of the Morning Post, which is strongly pro-Uister, is urging a settlement.

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Premier Silent on Plans.

DUBLIN, May 17.—Premier Asquith today continued his conferences with prominent persons in various spheres of Irish life. The premier, however, did not explain the object of his investigations, confining himself to ascertaining the views of the persons whom he saw. The largest dinner party since the outbreak of the European war was held at the Vice Regal Lodge last evening.

The sovernment's scheme of compact

"In connection with the destruction hoped the United States might be of both in Dublin and elsewhere of buildassistance ultimately in restoring peace ings and their contents," he said, "the was conveyed through Mgr. Bonzano, same liability as would have fallen on the statement that she had arms and livered the Pope's message at the been covered by ordinary fire insurance that she carried 20,000 rifles for the policies in force at the time of the

recent disturbances.
"The lord lieutenant will appoint a committee to ascertain what sums are PARIS, May 17, 12:01 p.m.—German troops made an attack with grenades last night on French positions in the vicinity of Dead Man hill. The effort motely to do with the guestion of peace when paid by the committee to ascertain what sums are covered by the insurance policies in quarters if was indicated definitely that the exchange of messages had only remotely to do with the guestion of peace when paid by the committee to ascertain what sums are

engagement occurred yesterday off the Belgian coast between small German

Official announcement of the fight was made as follows: "An encounter took place yesterday

afternoon off the Belgian coast be tween a force composed of British de stroyers and monitors and some Ger- Events For First Two Days Are Anman destroyers. "After a short engagement the enemy withdrew to their ports. Our forces

British Restrictions on Tobacco. LONDON, May 17.—The board of trade

sustained no casualties."

ing shortage of tonnage, the proposal

tobacco purchased before February 15 tional committee, as follows: has been withdrawn, but that licenses will be granted for the importation of tobacco between June 1 and May 13, Charles D. Hilles of the national com-1917, not exceeding one-third the quan- mittee. tity imported in 1915.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at 11 a.m. Took up army reorganization conference report. Senator Owen's corrupt prac-tices bill was reported favorably from the elections committee.

Rivers and harbors appropria-tion bill debated. Houses

Flood control bill under con-sideration.

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

The conference report on the bill to prevent fradulent adver-tising in the District of Columbia was made.

SIR ROGER IS HELD FOR HIGH TREASON

can Counsel in Trial

for His Life.

STORY OF AUD'S SINKING IS TOLD BY A WITNESS

Diver Who Examined Wreck Says Rifles and Ammunition Covered Bottom of Sea.

LONDON, May 17, 4:32 p.m.-Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey

clusion of the preliminary hearing of which it will be held have not yet been

May Have American Counsel.

can embassy, the foreign office said today the government would be glad to consent to the appearance of Michael Francis Doyle of Philadelphia as one of the attorneys for Casement.

An interesting feature of the testimony part promises of assistance said to have been made by the Germans. The Aud coast of Ireland, not far from Trales. town, when she was sunk by her own crew. Details of the capture and sink-ing were given by Sidney Waghorn, a

"Early Good Friday morning the southwest coast of Ireland when we sighted a ship flying the Norwegian colors. We signaled her and asked who

toward the Bluebell. We fired around these boats. They flew flags of truce and the occupants put up their hands. They were made prisoners. They recent outbreak is outlined in a statement by Sir Robert Chalmers, undersecretary for Ireland.

On Basis of Insurance.

Waghorn was followed on the stand by a diver who inspected the wreck of ammunition aboard, it being claimed rebels, besides other war material. "The Aud lay in about eighteen fathoms of water," the diver said. "She had the Norwegian flag painted on her hull. I found a hole in her side twelve or fourteen feet in diameter. On the bed of the sea I saw a lot of rifles and ammunition."

ammunition."

Constable Carter of the royal Irish constabulary was recalled for cross-examination at the request of the defense. The trend of the questions indicated that at the time of his arrest ammunition

cated that at the time of his arrest Bailey attempted unsuccessfully to give information to the police in regard to the projected uprising.

NAVAL BATTLE IS FOUGHT

OFF COAST OF BELGIUM

LONDON, May 17, 1:47 p.m.—A naval something to do."

and British warships. There were no REPUBLICANS GIVE OUT CONVENTION PROGRAM

nounced by National Committee Officials.

CHICAGO, May 17 .- The official program for the first two days of the reannounces that, owing to the increas- publican national convention, which will open here June 7, was announced to grant licenses for the importation of today by officials of the republican na-

Wednesday, June 7-Eleven a.m., convention called to order by Chairman

Reading of the call for the convention by Secretary James B. Reynolds of the national convention. Chairman Hilles presents as tempo-

ary chairman Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, who will deliver his keynote address. Selection of the other temporary of-

ficers of the convention. Naming of committees on credentials, resolutions, permanent organization and rules and order of business.

Thursday, June 8, 11 a.m.—Report of committee on credentials.

Adoption of the permanent roll of the

Report of the committee on permanent rganization. organization.
Reports of the committee on rules and order of business.
After the preliminaries of organization, which usually occupy the first two sessions, the convention will nominate a candidate for President and Vice President, adopt the party platform and adjourn.

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Arrangements will be made to hold high sessions if necessary.

Chief of Police Healy has decided to stop traffic on the streets surrounding the Coliseum, while the convention is in session. All the streets will be newly paved with noiseless material for the exession.